§ 57.720 Disposition of restricted eggs.

(a) Eggs classified as checks, dirties, incubator rejects, inedibles, leakers, or loss shall be disposed of by one of the following methods at point and time of segregation:

(1) By shipping directly or indirectly to an official egg products processing plant for segregation and processing, if a check or dirty and if labeled in accordance with §57.800. Inedible and loss eggs shall not be intermingled in the same container with checks and dirties.

(b) By destruction and identification in a manner approved by the Administrator.

(i) Loss and inedible eggs shall be crushed and shall be placed in a container containing a sufficient amount of approved denaturant or decharacterant, such as FD&C brown, blue, black, or green colors, meat and fish by-products, grain and milling by-products, or any other substance, as approved by the Administrator, that will accomplish the purposes of this section. The approved denaturant or decharacterant shall be mixed with the crushed eggs in a manner to ensure that the eggs are inedible and not distinguishable from other eggs in the container. The container shall be labeled with the date of destruction and identification and the name and address of the person destroying and identifying the eggs. The eggs shall be disposed of in accordance with §57.800.

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(b) Egg handlers shall destroy and identify the following eggs in a manner approved by the Administrator:

(1) Eggs classified as checks, dirties, incubator rejects, inedibles, leakers, or loss.

(2) Eggs which are not in compliance with the regulations or are held for further examination.

(3) Eggs which are not available or have been altered, such as removing the undergrades.

(c) Egg handlers shall retain records of the destruction and identification of the eggs under paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of this section for at least 2 years.

(d) Egg handlers shall report to the Administrator the date of destruction and identification and the name and address of the person destroying and identifying the eggs.

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decharacterant substance shall be dispersed through the product in amounts sufficient to give the product a distinctive appearance or odor.

(ii) The denatured and decharacterized product shall be labeled as required in §§57.840 and 57.860.

(3) By processing for industrial use or for animal food. Such product shall be denatured or decharacterized in accordance with §57.720(a)(2) and identified as provided in §§57.840 and 57.860, or handled in accordance with other procedures approved by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, product which was produced under official supervision and transported for industrial use or animal food need not be denatured or decharacterized if it is shipped under Government seal and received by an inspector or grader as defined in this part.

(4) By coloring the shells of loss and inedible eggs with a sufficient amount of FD&C color to give a distinct appearance, or applying a substance that will penetrate the shell and decharacterize the egg meat. Except that, lots of eggs containing significant percentages of blood spots or meat spots, but no other types of loss or inedible eggs may be shipped directly to official egg products processing plants, provided they are conspicuously labeled with the name and address of the shipper and the wording “Spots—For Processing Only In Official USDA Egg Products Processing Plant,” for checks or dirties, or “Restricted Eggs—Not To Be Used As Human Food,” for inedibles, loss, and incubator rejects, or “Unclassified Eggs—To Be Regraded” for graded eggs which contain more restricted eggs than are allowed in the official standards for U.S. Consumer Grade B shell eggs. The size of the letters of the identification wording shall be as required in §57.860. When eggs are packed in immediate containers, e.g., cartons, sleeve packs, overwrapped 2½- or 3-dozen packs, etc., for sale to household consumers under the exemptions provided for in section 57.100 (c), or (f), they shall be deemed to be satisfactorily identified in accordance with the requirements of this part if such immediate containers bear the packer’s name and address and the quality of the eggs. Alternatively, a point of sale sign may be displayed showing the above information.

§ 57.801 Nest run or washed ungraded eggs.

Nest run or washed ungraded eggs are exempt from the labeling provisions in §57.800. However, when such eggs are packed and sold to consumers, they